Reconstruction work in Andhra Pradesh

2521. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had set up any core groups to assist the States especially Andhra Pradesh with regard to reconstruction work after the floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share of Centre and State for each project allocated; and

(d) the amount utilized for each project so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sectoral public investment

2522. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has scaled down sectoral public investment in the Tenth Five Year Plan by 19 per cent due to Government inability to raise sufficient resources and low internal and extra budgetary resources that are generated by PSUs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that consequently the total investment requirements has also been revised below 12.5 per cent of the original target; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, it is a fact that in the Mid-Term Appraisal to the Tenth Plan agreed to by the NDC, the Planning

Commission has scaled down sectoral public investment in the Tenth Plan by 19% and consequently, the total investment requirement has been revised to below 12.5% of the original target.

(c) The Mid-term Appraisal to the Tenth Plan has revised downwards the growth target to 7%, as against the original 8.1% target set for the Tenth Plan. Consequently the sectoral investment requirements have been revised downwards. Public investment has fallen short of the targets in the first two years of the Plan, especially in agriculture, manufacturing, electricity and public administration, community, social and personal services. In manufacturing and electricity sectors, the public sector units have not been able to generate the requisite amount of internal resources. In a number of sectors there has been lack of sufficient budgetary resources on account of lower than expected tax-GDP ratio. Another reason has been the inability of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to fully utilize their internal resources. The public investment programme of the Government is also subject to constraints imposed by the pressure to achieve the FRBM targets and the TFC awards for the States.

Assessment of poverty line

†2523. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for assessing a person or a family in the country living Below Poverty Line;

(b) whether this assessment is done every year and in what way common people are informed about it;

(c) whether any increase or decrease has been taking place every year in terms of the number of people living Below Poverty Line in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Planning Commission uses per capita

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.